**Codonocarpus attenuatus** (Hook.) H.Walter

**Family:**
Gyrostemonaceae

**Walter, H. (1909) Engler's Das Pflanzenreich Heft 39 : 78.**

**Common name:**
Bellbush; Bellfruit Tree; Native Poplar

**Stem**
Bark on the lower stem pale, soft and corky. Bark on the upper stem and branches smooth and green. Blaze odour not pleasant but difficult to describe.

**Leaves**
Leaf blades soft and pendulous, about 9 x 1.2-1.4 cm, venation difficult to distinguish. Petioles about 1.3-2 cm long. All vegetative parts completely glabrous. Stipules small and inconspicuous, about 0.5 mm long.

**Flowers**
Features not available.

**Fruit**
Fruits pendulous, +/- bell-shaped, about 15-18 x 13-14 mm, consisting of 45-60 closely packed fruiting carpels which dehisce at maturity to release the seeds. Fruit carpels (samaras) about 15-18 mm long, spinning like helicopter blades when released into the air. Seeds about 3 mm long, testa rugose, aril or caruncle cream. Embryo U-shaped, cotyledons about as wide as but longer than the radicle.

**Seedlings**
Features not available.

**Distribution and Ecology**
Endemic to Australia, occurs in NEQ, CEQ and southwards as far as north-eastern New South Wales. Altitudinal range in NEQ not known, but probably between 500-780 m. Grows in disturbed areas particularly burnt areas of monsoon forest and vine thickets.

**Natural History & Notes**
This species is suspected of poisoning stock but the evidence is not conclusive (Everist 1974).

**Synonyms**

**RFK Code**
1159